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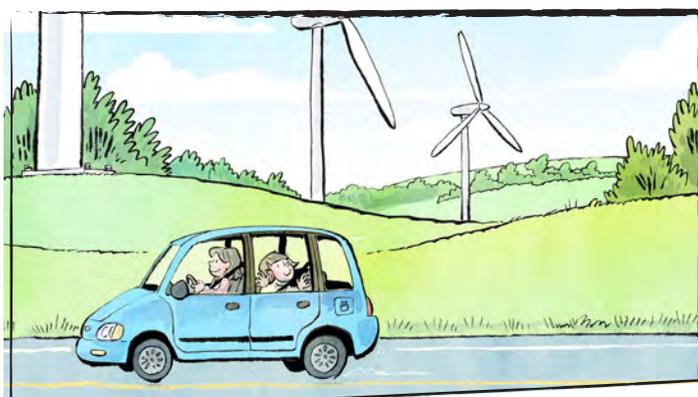
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The Canadian Reader is a made-in-Canada teaching and learning resource featuring all-Canadian content. It has three main components; use the entire package, or pick and choose the pages that suit your class the best.

1. **Literacy Focus** – This generic lesson plan focuses on seven key non-fiction reading comprehension strategies, presented in the following order:

Issue 1: *Using Text Features*

Issue 2: *Making Connections*

Issue 3: *Visualizing*

Issue 4: *Asking Questions*

Issue 5: *Making Inferences*

Issue 6: *Determining Importance*

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Teachers may introduce and practice each month's strategy using any of the articles in the issue, or save it for another time or text.

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3. **Did You Know? comic** – This comic provides basic information about a current news story or event, or supports one of the articles with background information. It's a great way to engage reluctant readers and build students' background knowledge in a fun and graphic way.

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The Story of a Store



The Hudson's Bay Company. The Bay. HBC. Have you heard of it? Maybe you have even shopped there.

The company began as a collection of fur-trading outposts. It became a major department store chain. Today there are 80 Hudson's Bay stores across Canada.

Soon there will be six: three in Toronto, three in Montreal.

Even those might not last. If those stores close, it will be the end of a very long story.

Long ago and far away

On May 2, 1670, King Charles II of England signed a paper. The Hudson's Bay company traces its roots to that paper. Back then, it was called "The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay." Catchy!

The paper let the company use



Present-day Canada covers about ten million square kilometres.

land around Hudson Bay. Its people could live and trade there. The land was almost four million square kilometres in size.

A way of life disrupted

Indigenous Peoples have lived on that land since time immemorial. They had their own trade networks. They had their own traditions and ways of life.

The Hudson's Bay company upset all that. Beaver pelts were what the HBC wanted most. Beaver fur was used to make felt hats. These were in high demand in Europe.

Over time, the company grew. The Indigenous Peoples suffered. The fur trade changed their economy. Settlers and traders brought disease. They bargained unfairly for land.

In 1867, Canada became a country. Soon after, it bought the land "owned" by the Hudson's Bay company.

The trading company stayed in business. It sold goods to settlers. It opened its first department store in 1881, in Winnipeg. From there, the company expanded.

An everything store

Have you been in a Hudson's Bay store? What were you looking for? Department stores are "everything" stores. They sell furniture, clothes, toys and tools... everything.

Some Hudson's Bay stores are many floors high. It costs a lot to rent a space like that. That may have been part of the problem.

The way we shop

People don't shop the same way anymore. Big stores like Walmart also sell "everything," at lower prices. For expensive items, people go to specialty stores.

The Internet caused an even bigger shift. People can shop without leaving

home. Online there are more options than any store could carry.

This is bad news for stores like Hudson's Bay.

Emptying stores

Canada's oldest company is in trouble. It owes a lot of money. It cannot pay its debts.

Hudson's Bay has started "liquidating" most of its stores. That means items are being sold, often at a discount. Nothing will be re-ordered. The goal is to empty the stores. At the end of June, the stores will close.

The story of the Hudson's Bay company is not yet over. If things don't change, though, it may be coming to an end.



Where do you prefer to shop?



The Hudson's Bay Company is more than 350 years old!

The Story of a Store

Comprehension Check

Mark the statements **T** (True) or **F** (False). If a statement is *true*, write one fact to support it on the lines below. If a statement is *false*, write the word or words that make it true on the lines below.

_____ 1. Today there are 80 Hudson's Bay stores across Canada.

_____ 2. Indigenous Peoples have lived on the land around Hudson Bay since time immemorial.

_____ 3. In 1670, Canada became a country.

_____ 4. The Hudson's Bay company opened its first department store in Toronto.

_____ 5. Department stores only sell furniture.

_____ 6. Hudson's Bay owes a lot of money.

The Story of a Store

Language Focus

An *adjective* is a word that describes a noun. Add adjectives to the sentences below, using words from the list or your own ideas:

1. The Hudson's Bay Company has a _____ history that stretches back over 350 years.
2. The company built _____ stores filled with clothes, furniture, and tools.
3. Some people remember the stores as _____ places to shop during holidays.
4. The loss of HBC stores feels like a _____ moment in Canadian history.
5. For Indigenous Peoples, the arrival of traders was a _____ change to their way of life.
6. The Internet caused a shift, making online shopping _____.
7. Now, many of the stores are _____, waiting to be closed forever.

amazing	long	brave	special
quiet	different	old	big
sad	positive	kind-hearted	new
sudden	empty	expensive	newfound
busy	unfair	popular	traditional

In what ways do adjectives make writing stronger?

The Story of a Store

Lesson Plan

Before Reading:

- Use appropriate technology to project the images of The Hudson's Bay Company listed in **Internet Connections** (they are listed chronologically). Facilitate a *Think-Pair-Share* discussion. Ask pairs of students to share what they know about this iconic Canadian company and what they wonder about its history. Record their thinking in a class chart.
- Then, write the title of the article and headings on a piece of chart paper. Invite students to use the images and these text features to make predictions about the history of the Hudson's Bay Company. Record their predictions. Encourage students to generate further questions. Record these.

During Reading:

- As they read the article, ask students to highlight or underline important information about the history of the HBC.

After Reading:

- As a class, review the pre-reading predictions and questions. Put a \checkmark next to predictions that were affirmed and an $!$ next to questions that were answered.
- Distribute to each student, or pair of students, a copy of **The History of the HBC** (p. 12). Direct them to use the information in the article to complete the timeline, recording key events in the store's history using captions and sketches for each turning point. If needed, explain *Time Immemorial*. Suggest that they will need to infer (make a logical guess based on evidence in the article) the future of the store.
- When students have finished their timelines, ask them to draw some conclusions about the store's history by responding to the following thinking stems on the back of their organizers:
 - The Hudson's Bay Company is an important part of Canadian history because...
 - Its history shows...
 - If it closes...
- Criteria for Assessment:** A *thoughtful conclusion* summarizes the main ideas, includes relevant facts, shows the writer understands the importance of the HBC in Canadian history, and leaves the reader with something to think about.

Extension:

- Learn more about the history of the HBC:** Use the links in **Internet Connections** to learn more about the history of The Hudson's Bay Company. Encourage students to add additional facts to their timelines. Alternatively, you may wish to create a class timeline and assign pairs or small groups of students to research important turning points in greater detail, adding what they learn visually to the timeline.

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Internet Connections:

- Learn more about the closure of the store:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/udon-s-bay-department-store-1.7486167>

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.6686962> [2:07]

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11083516/hudsons-bay-liquidation/>

<https://globalnews.ca/video/11083803/hudsons-bay-to-liquidate-entire-business-amid-financial-shortfall/>[1:41]

- Learn more about the history of the HBC:

<https://youtu.be/VeV3XpFQWmI?feature=shared> [2:02]

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/hudson-s-bay-company-plain-language-summary>

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/hudsons-bay-company>

- For Teachers:

- Original HBC logo:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson%27s_Bay_%28department_store%29#/media/File:Hudson's_Bay_Logo_2013.svg

- Map of Hudson's Bay territory:

<https://canadiangeographic.ca/articles/the-untold-story-of-the-hudsons-bay-company/#&gid=1&pid=4>

- Hudson's Bay point blanket:

<https://www.thebay.com/product/hbc-stripes-multistripe-point-blanket-0600001019439.html>

- *Inside a HBC trading post:*

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/hbc-trading-posts-in-canada>

- 1st department store in Winnipeg:

https://winnipegarchitecture.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/IMG_2376.jpg

- Last Hudson's Bay trading post:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Ross,_Nunavut#/media/File:Fort_Ross_store_building_2017.jpg

- The Bay logo:

https://static.wikia.nocookie.net/logopedia/images/4/49/The_Bay_-_1965.svg/revision/latest?cb=20210930162211

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The History of the HBC











Map: Dominion of Canada, 1867

Complete this map assignment to help you better understand the context of the article *The Story of a Store*.

A. Colour each of the following regions on your map, then shade the box corresponding to each region with the same colour:

Canada Provinces 1867:

- Ontario Quebec New Brunswick Nova Scotia

Territory Under British Control:

- Rupert's Land North-Western Territory
 British Columbia Prince Edward Island (PEI)
 Arctic Islands Newfoundland and Labrador

Territory Not Under British Control:

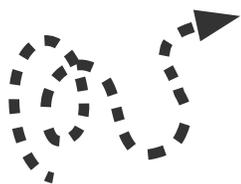
- United States Alaska (United States)
 St.-Pierre and Miquelon Greenland Iceland

B. Locate and label the following cities and town:

- Ottawa • Toronto • Quebec City • Fredericton
• Halifax • Victoria • York Factory

C. Locate and label the following water bodies:

- Arctic Ocean • Pacific Ocean • Atlantic Ocean
• Great Lakes • Hudson Bay

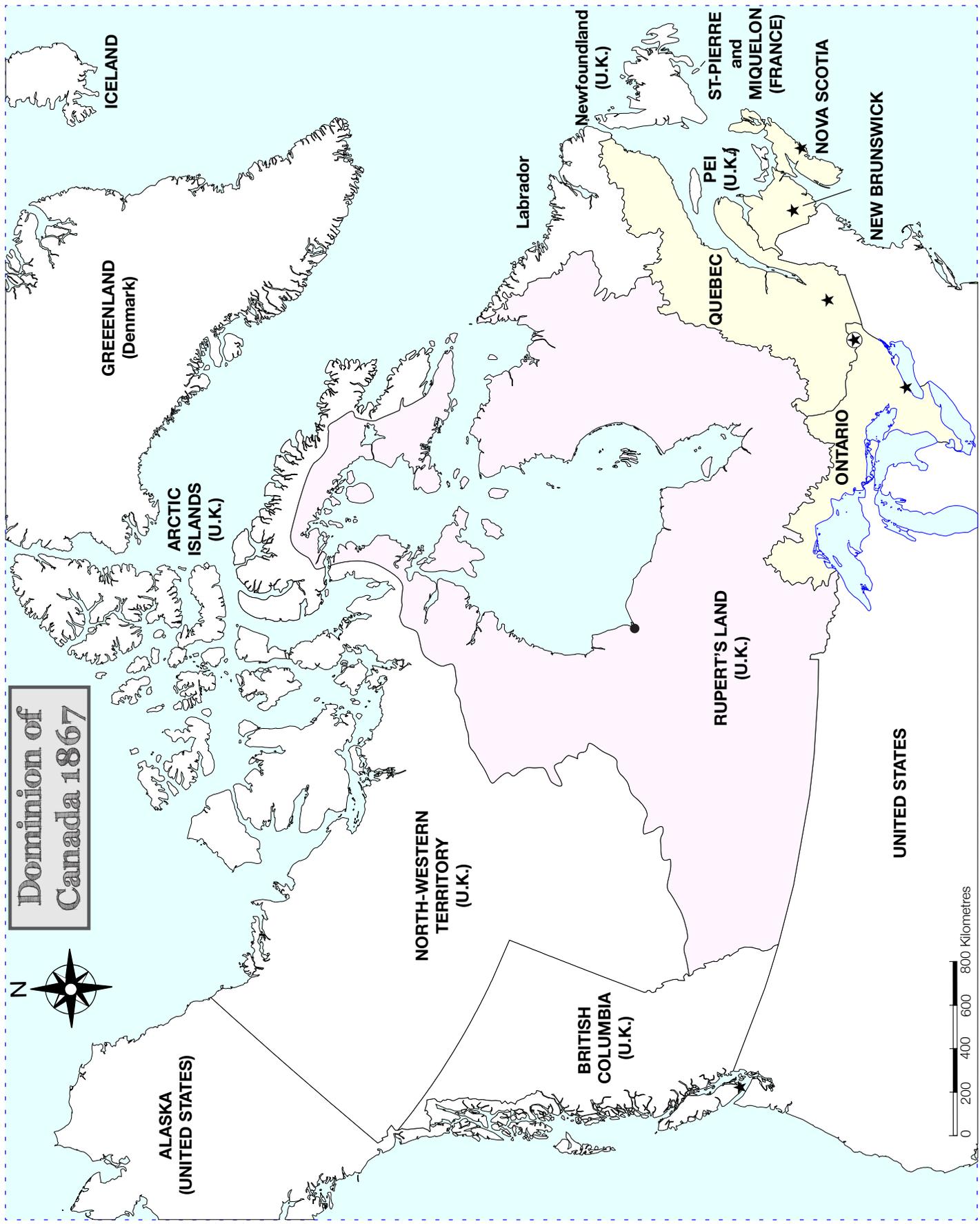


Challenge:

What observations can you make about the Dominion of Canada in 1867? What conclusions can you draw?

A good map is complete, accurate, and visually appealing.

Dominion of Canada 1867



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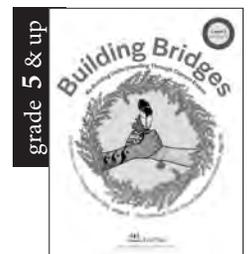
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